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WINTER 2016

## WING CALENDAR

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CAP Wing Administrator

### JANUARY

7 Corporate Learning Course 10-6  
Wing Headquarters  
13-14 Winter Sarex Bivouac Dartmouth  
Cyber Patriot State Round  
14 Wing Cadet Competition TBA  
18 Commander's Call 1800 WgHq.  
21 Backup SAREX  
28 Squadron Leadership School 10-6  
29 NCSA Interviews 0830

### FEBRUARY

3-5 Cyber Patriot Regional Round  
11 TRAINEX tabletop  
15 Commander's Call 1800 WgHq.  
17-18 Winter Bivouac backup  
17-19 NER Cadet Comp. Ft. Hamilton, NY

### MARCH

1-5 Legislative Day Alexandria, VA  
11 SAREX Concord  
15 Commander's Call  
Abenaki News 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Deadline  
25 SAREX backup  
24-26 NER CC Retreat Lake Placid

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Col. Kevin N. Harbison, Commander

We are arriving at the end of our calendar year, and my first full year of command. I could not be happier with the way New Hampshire Wing has faced its many challenges and rose to meet each one of them. Among those were the significant changes to the flight profiles, the SAR evaluation and starting a new unit in Whitefield. Many of our members have been and are facing personal challenges and we continually keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

We continue to grow our relationship with Norwich University with the successful running of our Summer Academy. This year we added Region Honor Guard Academy and a joint program with Norwich University's FLC program to the mix. Presently, we have our Winter Academy operating at Fort Devens. I remember the odd looks we received when we wanted to do this winter activity. Now we put about 150 cadets per year through there. Thank you to all who helped to make the event a great success. It is only with the efforts of the dedicated Senior Members and Cadet Staff that we can put on these great events.

This summer also saw the addition of NHWG providing tuition offsets to five cadets who attended the experience. This event will become a regular NHWG/Norwich event that will focus on leadership and emergency services training. Future tuition assistance will be on an as available basis.

Participation in Green Flag and the MQ9 escort mission continued also. The MQ9 mission is a new mission that we are supporting in upstate New York. Our flying was superb and placed us second in the nation in both aircraft hours at 268 per aircraft and pilot hours at 334 per aircraft. This is a significant accomplishment and reflects the hard work by our aircrews and operations staff.

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## AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

**SPAATZ AWARD**

Cadet Col. Alex Rose Seacoast

**EARHART AWARD**

Cadet Capt. Ethan Hughes Monadnock

**MITCHELL AWARD**

Nicholas Codner Manchester  
 Isaac D'Sousa Manchester  
 Chance Lavoie Gr. Nashua  
 David Brackett Seacoast  
 Nicholas Lauer Seacoast  
 Jacob Sanchez Monadnock

**CONCORD**

Elizabeth Saucier C/Capt.  
 Caleb Planchet C/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt  
 Jeremy Gooden C/SMSGt  
 Emilee Harlow C/SMSGt  
 Daniel John-Zensky C/SMSGt  
 Tyler Lawrence C/SSgt  
 Mark Sommer C/SSgt  
 Bethany Fulton C/SrA  
 Oscar Gamache C/SrA  
 Xander Hupher C/SrA  
 Henook Cooper C/Amn  
 Katelyn Counter C/Amn  
 Margaret Harrington C/Amn  
 Jaiziah Hooper C/Amn  
 Connor Legro C/Amn  
 Sterling Lovely C/Amn  
 Ethan McAllister C/Amn  
 Jace Merrill C/Amn  
 Haylee-Lynn Parr C/Amn  
 Andrew Parr C/Amn  
 Nathan Peck C/Amn  
 Adriaen Thibeault C/Amn  
 Cole Weaver C/Amn

**HAWK**

Daniel Ellis C/TSgt  
 Faith George C/SrA  
 McKayca Sanborn C/SrA  
 Wesley Sylvester C/SrA

**HUMPHREY**

Isabella Wang C/CMSgt  
 Michael Lai C/CMSgt  
 Matthew Heiter C/SMSGt  
 Maya Krishnan C/SMSGt  
 Louis Vinton C/TSgt  
 Denali Ferrero C/TSgt  
 Mason McDonald C/TSgt  
 Simon Goryayinov C/SSgt  
 Roy Hill C/SSgt  
 Jared Moran C/SrA  
 Akash Pillai C/A1C

**GREATER NASHUA**

Evan Plateel C/TSgt  
 Mackenzie Lafond C/A1C  
 Alexander Scovill C/A1C  
 Benjamin Thibodeau C/A1C  
 Molly Blast C/Amn  
 Simon Hemmenway C/Amn  
 Levi Santoro C/Amn

**LEBANON**

Scott Moody C/MSgt  
 Brendan Freeman C/MSgt  
 Luc Lavoie C/SSgt  
 Mary Coverdale C/Amn

**MANCHESTER**

Nicholas Mirabile C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt  
 Mackenzie Finocchiaro C/SMSGt  
 Josh Moser C/SSgt  
 Elizabeth Niven C/SrA  
 Colin Ermatinger C/Amn  
 Sophia Millillo C/Amn

**MONADNOCK**

Caleb Somero C/SMSGt  
 Sam Thompson C/TSgt  
 Jonathan Cheney C/A1C  
 Owen Greenwood C/A1C  
 Jethro Somero C/A1C

**SEACOAST**

Jayme Brannan C/TSgt  
 Kyle Schalitz C/SSgt  
 Charles Discoe C/SrA  
 Cooper Welch C/SrA  
 Samuel Humphreys C/A1C  
 Christopher Marggraf C/Amn  
 Grace Cornell C/Amn  
 Dominic Barbarito C/Amn  
 Kadin Markert C/Amn  
 Douglas Browning C/Amn  
 Nathanael Tait C/Amn

**SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS**

Allen Strasser LTC  
 Kenneth Peperissa LTC  
 Janet Bloom Major  
 Liam Smedley Capt.  
 Adam Parent 1<sup>st</sup> Lt  
 Michael Lally 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt



## SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



### CONCORD COMPOSITE SQUADRON

In October the squadron assisted with Aviation Day/5K Airport Run at Concord Municipal Airport. This has become an ideal recruiting event just prior to the fall Open House. The fall recruiting program was quite successful with a new class of 14 basic cadets. Graduation occurred on Dec. 15 with all participants having completed their first achievement. Three senior members were also recruited during the Open House and they are working through Level I and choosing various specialty tracks. A number of cadets attended the wing rocket competition and brought home some trophies as well. Squadron members marched in the annual Holiday Magic Parade in Concord in November and also supported a local veteran's family by providing yard cleanup labor. Once again the squadron participated in the Wreaths Across America and with a lot of corporate sponsors over 1,900 wreaths arrived at Blossom Hill-Concord Calvary Cemetery. The actual wreath laying event and ceremony were postponed until Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> due to the snowstorm that arrived in the area early the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup>. With help from squadron members, family members and volunteers from Easter Seals of NH, Wal-Mart Trucking and the NH Patriot Riders all wreaths were placed in less than four hours! Concord's Color Guard presented the colors at the US Army Field Jazz Band Ambassadors at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord.



Concord Color Guard with US Army Field Band Leader

### GREATER NASHUA COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Cadets from Greater Nashua along with cadets from Humphrey Squadron carried the colors for the Nashua Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans in the Veteran's Day Parade. The squadron supported a Young Eagles event at Nashua Airport by providing flight line detail. Two teams competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds of the Cyber Patriot competition.



Humphrey and Greater Nashua Color Guards carry colors for Nashua DAV on Veteran's Day

### HAWK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The Hawk Composite Squadron has begun meeting at their new home at Holy Trinity School in Laconia. Capt. Randy Haight helped with learning compass use at one recent meeting. The squadron again assisted with the annual Christmas Village charity event in Laconia. The Hawk Eyes Cyber Patriot team has been joined by a second team called The Rooks. The Hawk Eyes placed 29<sup>th</sup> out of 943 teams in the first round while the Rooks placed 207<sup>th</sup> out of 943 teams. They all hope to maintain the Platinum level in future competition coming up soon.

### HUMPHREY CADET SQUADRON

The two Cyber Phoenix teams in the Cyber Patriot IX qualifying rounds 1 and 2 placed in the All Services Gold Tier entering the State Round which will occur in January. Seven cadets participated in the October TRAINEX. Four prospective cadets have begun the Great Start program. Members enjoyed a tour of the Nashua Airport Fire Station #5. Stephen Bourque gave a presentation about airport management, operations and careers in that field at a recent meeting. Greater Nashua and Humphrey Squadrons participated in the Nashua Veteran's Day Parade and the Color Guard carried the Disabled American Veterans flags.



Humphrey Squadron Cyber Patriot teams "Cyber Phoenix"



## LEBANON COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The squadron welcomed Maj. Ann Brechbuhl as the new Commander and thanked LTC McGary for his leadership during his tenure.

Back in October cadets Gauvin, Brock, J. Moss and Z. Moss participated in the Wings and Wheels event at Lebanon Airport. It was a good recruiting day for their upcoming Open House. Wreaths were laid at the Lebanon Veteran's Memorial monument during the Wreaths Across America event. ( photo on pg. 9) LTC Freeman and cadets Gauvin, Freeman and Moody are participating in the NCO Winter Leadership Academy at Ft. Devens.



Maj. Brechbuhl new Commander being congratulated by Col. Harbison as outgoing Commander LTC McGary looks on

## MANCHESTER COMPOSITE SQUADRON

MHT-054 – Manchester Composite Squadron – 09-2016 thru 11-2016

We have formed a partnership with the National Flight Simulator at MHT Airport. Eight of our cadets received free logged flight time with instructors on the flight simulators with continued flight time planned. That has been supplemented by a squadron library of updated flight training material.

We achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NH Wing Rocketry Competition 10-29-2016.

November 19<sup>th</sup> – 12 cadets had O-Flights out of the Nashua Airport at Boire Field. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> flight for 7 of these cadets and the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight for 5 of them. It was a beautiful day and again the Cadets and Pilots were outstanding.

The unit assisted with the Glendi Greek Festival in Manchester again this year. This assistance began with former commander Maj. Red Wheeler.

We will be losing our Squadron Leadership Officer, Deputy Commander for Cadets, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Pierog who we will be leaving our squadron due to his work transfer for a new position in Japan in mid-January. It will be extremely difficult to fill his shoes and we all will miss him but we wish him the success and happiness he deserves.

The squadron has received its third consecutive Quality Cadet Unit Award.



MANCHESTER CADETS ENJOYING AN O'FLIGHT

#### MONADNOCK COMPOSITE SQUADRON

The unit has been working on the Astronomy STEM kit. They took part in several Veteran's Day ceremonies in the Keene/Swanzey area and cadets Greenwood and Cheney and TFO Lewandowski participated in the wing rocket competition.

Former cadet Liam Smedley was promoted to Capt. in a pin-on ceremony at the squadron. He is a graduate of the USAFA and a 1stLt. serving on active duty with the USAF. He received his Davis and Yeager awards and a senior rating in Cadet Programs at that ceremony as well.



Capt. Liam Smedley receiving his Davis Award from Ltc. Hughes  
As Maj. Karsten and Capt. Hotin look on

## SEACOAST COMPOSITE SQUADRON

Nine new basic cadets graduated Great Start at the end of October and all but one received their first o'flight as well. The AE Pods have been busy using the flight simulators. At the rocket competition in October the squadron won third place in the duration category. As an Easter Seals project a group of cadets stacked wood for the widow of a Navy veteran. The squadron has designed a challenge coin which was available for sale in December. A Christmas party was held on 15 December at DES. Spring Open House is planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>. A joint Marksmanship training event with Highlanders Squadron was held at Exeter Sportsman's Club in November. The senior party will be held in January. The squadron worked really hard to obtain sponsorships for the WAA program and were able to get over 200 wreaths this year. Unfortunately, due to a snowstorm the morning of the event, the WAA ceremony at the Exeter Cemetery was cancelled, but the wreath laying took place as planned with about a dozen people helping to place the grave wreaths, some of whom were squadron members and others from the general public who had planned to help anyway.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONIAL WREATHS  
AT EXETER CEMETERY

### **Commander's Corner cont.**

As we move into the New Year we will continue to face new challenges. I am confident that we will face them with the same level of professionalism and drive that has made us successful in the past. We have our Staff Assistance Visit in April, and several exciting new changes that are being worked on by our staff. As always, I am excited about the future of New Hampshire Wing and look forward to working with all of you in the New Year and beyond.

## SEACOAST CADET NEWEST NHWG SPAATZ CADET Awards and Promotions



On November 11, 2016, C/Col Alex Rose was presented with his Carl A. Spaatz Award (#2048) by current Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Eric Fanning.

C/Col Rose is currently a junior cadet at Texas A&M University and is contracted with the U.S. Army to commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation in May of 2018.

C/Col Rose has been in CAP for five years with Seacoast Composite Squadron and NH Wing (NER-NH-010.) In CAP, he has served as Cadet

Staff at National Blue Beret, on Northeast Region CAC, and has commanded the 2015 NH/VT Summer Encampment and Academy. C/Col Rose is a former Seacoast Composite Squadron Cadet Commander.

Cadet Rose is the son of Lt. Bonnie Rose Deputy Commander for Cadets, Seacoast Composite Squadron.



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### IN MEMORIAM

Major Frank Swain former Highlanders Cadet Squadron Commander

Former NHWG Pilot Steven Reep noted for his Lake Amphibian

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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LEBANON SQUADRON WAA CEREMONIAL WREATHS  
At Veteran's Memorial Monument

CADET THERRIEN PLACES CEREMONIAL WREATH  
AT BOSCAWEN WAA CEREMONY HELD IN THE CHAPEL





US COAST GUARD MEMBERS LAY A MEMORIAL WREATH  
AT EXETER CEMETERY FOR WAA



Wreath laying at Blossom Hill Cemetery by  
Concord Squadron